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AIDES CALL CHARGES 'COMIC'

Red Spy Reported on De Gaulle Staff

PARIS (UPI) — French and British newspapers today charged a Soviet spy is working on President Charles de Gaulle's personal staff.

A spokesman at the presidential Elysee Palace described as comical the reports which likened the charges of a spy on De Gaulle's staff — who was not named — to Harold (Kim) Philby, the British secret service executive who turned out to be a Russian agent.

"It's all very comic and we are serenely awaiting the revelations they say they will make on this espionage affair," the palace official said of promised newspaper accounts.

Aides in U.S. Cited

Le Canard Enchaîné, a weekly satirical journal, first published the report. According to the newspapers, the story of the spy on De Gaulle's staff came from Col. Thiraud de Vosjoly, French secret service liaison officer in Washington with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

De Vosjoly was said to have been ordered home because of too close ties to the CIA, to have refused and to have remained in the United States. He was said to be living now in the Miami, Fla., area.

Two London Sunday newspapers, the Sunday Times and the Observer, printed the reports after Le Canard Enchaîné. The Sunday Times said it will print next week a copyrighted article showing "there has been a traitor, a French Philby, who pushed President de Gaulle into anti-Western acts."

The French weekly said that the character named Colombine in a recent novel by American author Leon Uris, "Topaz," is based on a De Gaulle aide tied to Soviet spy networks.

The newspaper reports here and in Britain said "Colombine" is the presidential chief adviser and overseer of France's Services de Documentation Extérieure et de Contre-Espionage and the Direction de la Sécurité Territoriale. The two agencies roughly correspond to the American CIA and FBI.

Serving With CIA

According to the reports, De Vosjoly tumbled onto the affair while serving as the

SDECE man with the CIA. They said the information came to De Vosjoly from a senior Soviet espionage officer, Anatoli Dolynstsin, who defected to the West in 1961.

Dolynstsin has been reported to have been one of the main sources for the information that finally ended Philby's career with Britain's M16 secret service. Philby had served as M16 liaison man to the CIA in Washington and as chief of Britain's anti-Soviet spy network before being eased out.

Philby was said to have been the "third man" who tipped off British diplomat Donald MacLean and secret agent Guy Burgess in time for them to escape British arrest and flee to Moscow in 1951.

Philby fled to Moscow from Beirut 12 years later.